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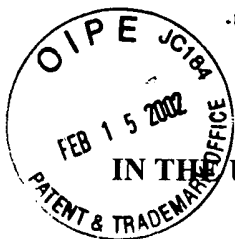
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references and information of record in the above-identified application. The references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the references and information be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that

the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103.

CITED REFERENCES

U.S. Patents:

1. Martin, U.S. Patent No. 1,776,443, issued September 23, 1930
2. Sipple et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,509,223, issued April 9, 1985
3. Brown et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,337,505, issued August 16, 1994

Other:

Item in Public Use or On Sale in United States

Eurotool retractable bristle brush, available from Micro-Mark Tools (circa 2001).

This item is a wire bristle brush whose bristles retract into the housing of the brush upon rotation of a cap at the end of the brush. See the attached illustration. The brush comes with replacement bristles that can be fitted on a ferrule with the collar.

Respectfully submitted.

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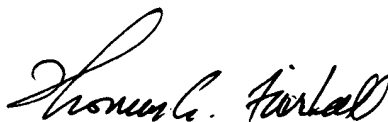
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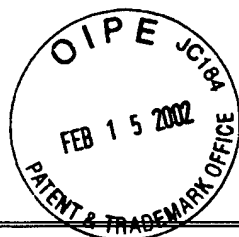
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		1,776,443	09/23/30	Martin			
		4,509,223	04/09/85	Sipple et al.	15	160	
		5,337,505	08/16/94	Brown et al.	42	95	

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